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Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305) Food and Drug Administration 5630 Fishers Lane Room 1061 Rockville, Maryland 20852

Dear Persons:

Concerning Docket # 98N-1038,

"Irradiation in the production, processing and handling of food," I specifically request that:

- The wording of the current radiation disclosure statement shall not be revised, but shall remain as it has been, and
- Such labeling requirements shall not expire at a specified future date.

My reasons are, that the present disclosure statement is adequate and relevant, and quite understandable, and revision thereof enhances unclarity and misunderstanding.

For example, stipulation of cold pastuerization, or of electronic pastuerization lacks adequacy in clearly interpretable and understandable concept to a typical reader.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

Bruce Bonom, Computing Department, MRDF